

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
OSAMU TSUJII ET AL. ) : Examiner: Faruk Hamza  
Application No.: 10/000,485 ) : Art Unit: 2155  
Filed: December 4, 2001 ) : Conf. No.: 9623  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD OF )  
CONTROLLING THE SAME, )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER- )  
READABLE MEMORY : October 1, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting on page 2; and
- remarks are presented starting on page 20.